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Fort Lewis College held their first annual Elder's Day at the new Native American Center Tuesday, Feb. 21, Pearl Casias (top) is shown singing along with students from Fort Lewis College to "De Colores." Sage Remington (right) is seen here talking to Tony Boxer, who is another elder who got honored the same day. Native American singers from Fort Lewis (bottom) show they still got the spirit.

took place throughout the day, from socializing to honor songs performed by students to writing "I am from..." poetry, which sparked a lot of emotions.

President Dene Kay Thomas and Provost Barbara Morris also stopped by to pay respects.

"We have a lot of advice shared with our elders in a big community like this," Thomas said. "To understand this world ... we ask for our elders' help."



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Love is respect



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Ignacio High School students (left to right) Shailyn Olguin, Nicole Burch and Abriana Baker stand with a poster they created with their peers on Valentine's Day as part of the See It Stop It program. Sky Sandoval said the project was in support of a larger initiative, Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.

Ready for the dance



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Southern Ute tribal elder Evelyn Russell works to put the finishing touches on a ribbon shirt at the Multi-Purpose Facility on Thursday, Feb. 16. Russell said she gets together with a few other community members each week to work on personal sewing projects, often preparing potluck meals to further the social experience. Quilts, shawls, and ribbon shirts were among the cultural items being crafted.



SunUte Community Center

- Youth Sports
- Dive-In Movies
- Adult Leagues & Tournaments
- Swim Lessons
- Senior Breakfast
- Fitness Incentive Programs
- Fitness Assessments
- Active Kid Care
- One-on-One Trainings
- Tumbling Tots
- Group Exercise Classes
- American Red Cross Classes

Located on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, the SunUte Community Center provides awesome recreation, fitness and community service to Tribal and non-Tribal members and guests. This 50,000 square foot facility hosts a number of amenities from fitness and sports play to community events, educational services and a beautiful pool. Our main goal is to serve people of all ages that walk through our door by providing great customer service and a safe environment.



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